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## **COUNTY COUNCIL TO STUDY AFFORDABLE HOUSING LAW**

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Montgomery County Council president Michael Subin today announced an in-depth study one of the county's affordable housing laws.

The study, to be conducted by County Council staff, will look at the history of the Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit program, amendments to the law since it was adopted, the effect the amendments have had on the program and changes in the county since the law was adopted.

The study is expected to be complete in November. It will make recommendations to the County Council on how to improve the program given current circumstances including, land prices and availability, and land use, while maintaining the basic principles behind the law.

The Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit law was adopted in 1973 to make housing available to low- and moderate-income people in areas throughout Montgomery County. The law requires developers of subdivisions with 35 or more units to include a minimum number of moderately priced units. Under certain circumstances, the law allows developers to contribute to a housing fund instead of building units.

Until the study is completed, the Council will not take action on any changes to the Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit program.

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